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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPAGANDA ATTACKS PRC ANTI-SOVIET
DIPLOMACY

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5333, (B) MOSCOW 2154, (C) MOSCOW 3580

SUMMARY: SOVIET ANTI-PRC PROPAGANDA HAS CLIMBED BACK TO
A HIGH LEVEL FOLLOWING SLIGHT LULL COINCIDING WITH CHINESE

NPC M-ETING. ARTICLES CRITICAL OF CHINA APPEAR DAILY IN THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS. HIGH PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO DENOUNCING CHINESE EFFORTS TO MOBILIZE A WORLD-WIDE ANTI-SOVIET FRONT. END SUMMARY.

1. PRAVDA APRIL 10 COMMENTARY ON PRC-EC TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNING REPEATS SAME CRITICISM VOICED BY SOVIET PRESS WHEN ACCORD WAS INITIALLED (REF B). ARTICLE HOLDS THAT:

-- PRC-EC TRADE AGREEMENT IS VIEWED BY BOTH SIDES AS A BRIDGE FOR CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN NATO AND PEKING. PEKING LEADERS SEE NATO AS THE "BACKBONE" FOR THE UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST THE "SOCIALIST" COMMUNITY. ARTICLE CITES AP AS STATING THAT CHINESE ARE BEFRIENDING EC COUNTRIES BECAUSE LATTER ARE UNITED WITH THE U.S. AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION;

-- OFFICIAL EC REPRESENTATIVES "ADMIT" THAT PRC-EC TRADE AGREEMENT HAS POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE;

-- PEKING IS PURSUING CLOSER TIES WITH THE WEST PRIMARILY TO ACQUIRE ACCESS TO NATO'S MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND ITS ARMS MARKET. THE CHINESE ARE ALREADY PURCHASING WESTERN ARMS THROUGH SEPARATE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL MONOPOLIES. IT IS "UNWISE" TO BELIEVE THAT CHINESE MILITARY MODERNIZATION THREATENS ONLY THE "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

2. THE VOLUME AND INTENSITY OF ANTI-CHINESE ATTACKS
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IN THE SOVIET MEDIA HAVE CLIMBED BACK TO THE HIGH LEVEL EXISTING BEFORE THE CHINESE NATIONAL PEOPLES CONGRESS (REF C), AND ARTICLES CRITICAL OF CHINA APPEAR DAILY IN THE SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS. FOLLOWING PRAVDA'S MARCH 20 DRAMATIZATION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET MESSAGE TO NPC (REF A), SOVIET PRESS HAS REPRINTED NUMEROUS ARTICLES FROM POLISH, BULGARIAN, CZECH, MONGOLIAN AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS REPRESENTING PRO-SOVIET VIEWS PRAISING THE SUPREME SOVIET "INITIATIVE" AND DENOUNCING CHINESE INTRANSIGENCE.

3. AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF THE ANTI-CHINESE VERBIAGE IN THE SOVIET PRESS IS DIRECTED AT PEKING'S EFFORTS TO ORCHESTRATE A WORLD-WIDE ANTI-SOVIET UNITED FRONT. A LENGTHY SIGNED ARTICLE IN THE MARCH 1978 CPSU CC JOURNAL "KOMMUNIST" ACCUSES PEKING OF WEAKENING THE PROSPECTS FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BY JOINING FORCES WITH IMPERIALISM. ARTICLE ATTACKS PRC MOVES TO GENERATE OPPOSITION TO THE USSR IN WESTERN EUROPE, JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE, CRITICIZING AT LENGTH CHINESE THREE WORLD AND INEVITABILITY OF WAR THEORIES. APRIL, 1978 EDITION OF USA INSTITUTE JOURNAL "USA" CARRIES LENGTHY CRITIQUE OF U.S.

POLICY IN THE PACIFIC WHICH REFERS TO POSSIBILITY OF
U.S. USE OF THE "CHINA FACTOR" IN WASHINGTON'S RELA-
TIONS WITH THE USSR. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "THE
REALIZATION OF THE IDEA OF AMERICAN POLITICAL AND
MILITARY FIGURES TO STRENGTHEN CHINESE MILITARY
POTENTIAL WITH U.S. HELP" WOULD HAVE A "NEGATIVE EFFECT"
ON THE SITUATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

4. APRIL 8 PRAVDA CARRIES APRIL 7 TASS ARTICLE
DATELINED STOCKHOLM WHICH REPORTS ANTI-CHINESE ARTICLE

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IN SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER "WORKER'S PARTY."
ARTICLE ATTACKS CHINA FOR ATTEMPTING TO ALIGN WITH
"REACTIONARY REGIMES" IN CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL
AND THE FRG. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT NATO IS READY TO
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SUPPLY CHINA WITH MODERN WEAPONS AND THAT THE "HIGHEST
NATO CIRCLES" CALL CHINA NATO'S "SIXTEENTH MEMBER"
WHILE ASSIGNING CHINA THE ROLE OF NATO'S "FAREASTERN
FLANK." ARTICLE CHARGES PEKING WITH CAMPAIGNING
AGAINST THE "SOCIALIST" COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE
SOVIET UNION, MONGOLIA AND VIETNAM, AND (IN A NOVEL
TWIST) ALLEGES THAT CHINA HAS TERRITORIAL CLAIMS
AGAINST ALL THREE OF THESE NEIGHBORS. TOON

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